



COMP9321 Data Services Engineering

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Week 1: Course Overview

Disclaimer

- Parts of the slides presented in the course are taken from previous offering for COMP9321 where the course material was prepared by Dr. Helen Paik
- No data or services were hurt during the preparation of the course slides

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COMP9321 Evolution

Previously known as Web applications engineering.

What was taught and why needed revision

- How to build Web sites using Java
- Standardised frameworks for Web apps (plenty)

Many Web apps are now data-oriented or utilise data heavily

–functionality requires combining or processing complex data from multiple sources

So COMP9321 became Data Service Engineering:

- How to work with data
- How to make the design and implementation of data-oriented application easy (i.e., an approach/technique)

So what is this course about?

Data Services Engineering

Data = is the problem we want to deal with, understanding the problems and possible ways to work with Data (e.g., “get” data, “publish” data, discover or manage multiple data sources, etc).

Services = is the proposed solution/design approach to make our problem “manageable”.

Engineering = (best practices, weighing options, we will think about these all throughout, at least try to) - obtain conceptual ideas as well as practical skills

Course Aims

This course aims to introduce the student to core concepts and practical skills for engineering the data in service-oriented data-driven applications. Specifically, the course aims to answer these questions:

- *How to access and ingest data from various external sources?*
- *How to process and store the data for applications?*
- *How to curate (e.g. Extract, Transform, Correct, Aggregate, and Merge/Split) and publish the data?*
- *How to apply available analytics to the data?*
- *How to visualize the data to communicate effectively*

Fundamentally, we will look at these questions through the lens of 'service-oriented' software design and implementation principles. At each topic, we will learn some core concepts, and how to implement the concepts in software through services.

Assumed Knowledge

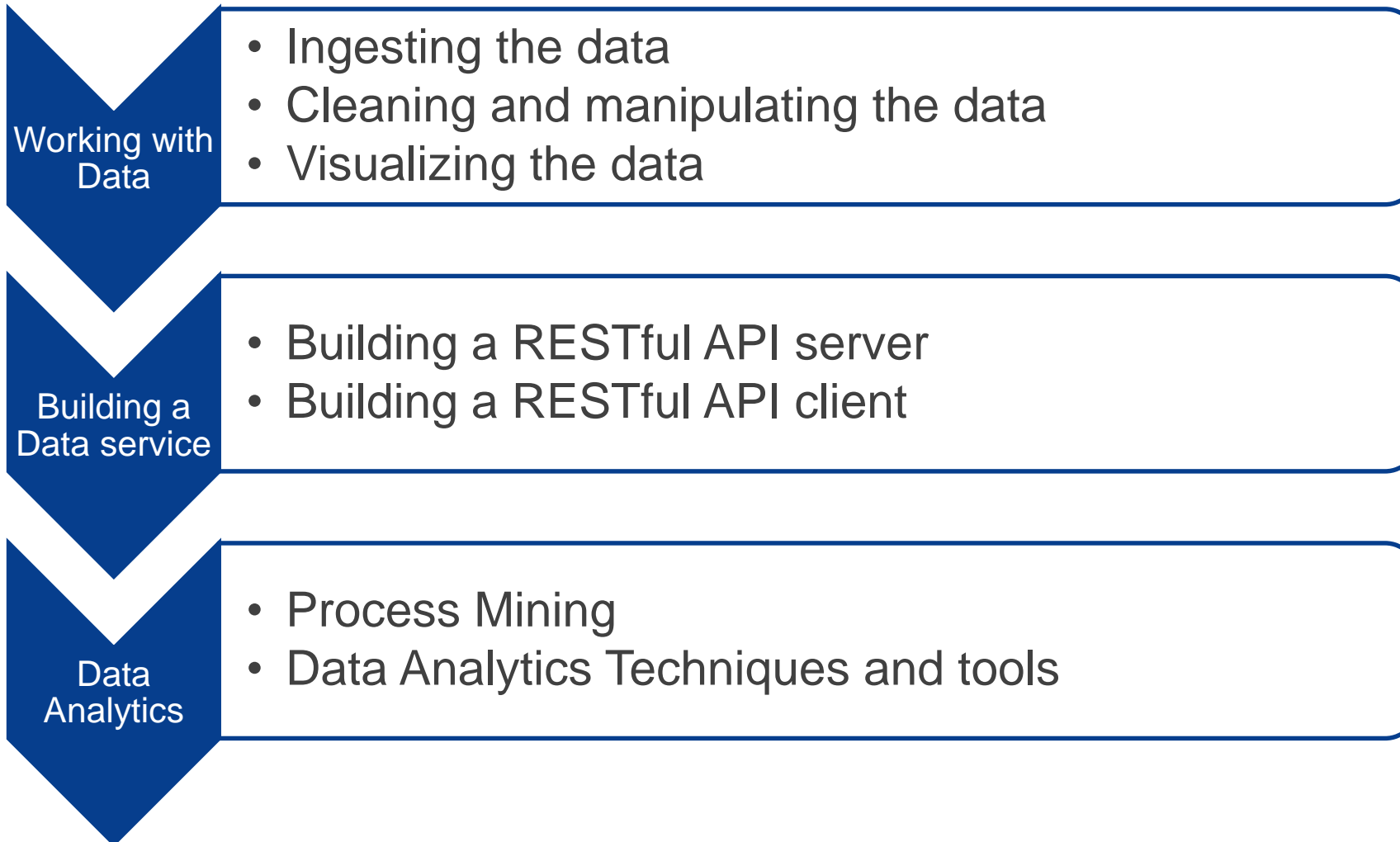
Before commencing this course, we will assume that students have:

- completed one programming course (expected to be in Python)
- basic data modelling and relational database knowledge

These are assumed to have been acquired in the following courses: For Postgrad - COMP9021 and COMP9311. For Undergrad - COMP1531 and COMP2041.

NOTE: This course is not meant to be an advanced course ...

Course Structure



Assessment

Assessment:

- 30% formal written exam: individual assessment.
- 60% on assignment work
 - Ass1 on Data ingestion and manipulation (individual) 15%
 - Ass2 on building a Data service API (individual) 15%
 - Ass3 on building a data analytics service (group) 30%
- 10% on 7-9 online quizzes (WebCMS-based quiz system, 'open' test)

Final Mark = quizzes + assignments + exam

Labs

Labs:

- A self-guided lab exercise is released (roughly) every week.
- You can do them in your own time, but you are encouraged to try and complete as much as you can during the class.
- Use the forum. Share what you have learned/found

Lab consultations (from Week 2 to Week 10)

Day	Time	Location	Tutor
Monday	16:00 18:00	piano	Alireza
Tuesday	14:00 16:00	piano	Madhushi
Wednesday	17:00 19:00	piano	Madhushi
Thursday	18:00 20:00	piano	Alireza
Friday	14:00 16:00	drum	Shayan

Supplementary Exam Policy

Supp Exam is only available to students who:

- DID NOT attend the final exam
- Have a good excuse for not attending
- Have documentation for the excuse

Submit special consideration within 72 hours (via myUNSW with supporting docs)

Everybody gets exactly one chance to pass the final exam. For CSE supplementary assessment policy, follow the link in the course outline.

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